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Leicester, Sunday Evng, April 14, '61.

Dear Burleigh; The news of the disastrous result at
Ft. Sumter, quite unfits me for writing. 'Tis utterly too
bad. Injury and insult, rapidly accumulating, and no
sufficient spirit in the North to repel either! I hope our
turn will come. — But I must not lose the time
to acknowledge yours, which arrived last eveg,
simultaneously with my own return home. I
sympathize ~~with~~ you in your hard & steady
work. The conscientious & faithful manner in
which it is performed is all that our Const^{ts}
and the friend of our Cause can desire. That
which has sorely afflicted me ^{and others} is that you did not
earlier take hold of the work, especially in view
of last years' Experience. — I was in Boston
yest. a. m. when your Mss. was delivered by
Expres. — Somewhere between 9 & 10. Whipple
and I opened it and found a goodly quantity of
matter, and your note to Whipple. W. was to take
immediate means to have the Mss. read by Const^{ts}
and hoped to hand it to printers by Mond. a. m.,
who w^d. then be waiting for it. In your notes,

to him and me, you do not say how near
you are to the end of the year ending May 1,
1860, (which I should like to know). Hereafter
proof will continue to be sent to you, but
it will also be read in Boston, by either Whipple
or myself, unless you expressly request to the
contrary. We do this to save printers' time &
use of types. Whipple will furnish a notice
of Mr. Honey's endowment of the cause; - and
you will please indicate, in your Mss., the
place where it should come in. Notice of
Agents, Publications, &c. I shall reserve for
the close of the y^r. ending May '61, - giving both
years in one. We shall not publish until
both years are completed, - so that we may
stand square with the times, and our Reports
have the freshness which sh^d. belong to such a
document, together with all of the rest of its un-
equalled excellencies, as it comes from your hands.
- An Index should accompany each year,
As to the paragraph in the Hyannis case -

the only way now is for you to make a
separate paragraph, stating C. Cushing's position
in respect to the case, and his leading grounds.
This, the printers can place at the head of page
53, newly ~~for~~ arranging of course all the 12
pp. of that form, - (but that is our Comtee's doing.)
But please send this just as soon as possible,
and direct to Prentiss & Deland by letter; as
they will be thrown greatly behind hand, as to
type, by any delay. Indeed in your letter you
say you will "try to do it somehow & send by
Saturday's mail" - I hope you did, and I
presume you did,

Proof I directed to have regularly sent
to you, for Index at least, & correction also, if
you please.

The matter (unf. note to Whipple) about
an advance to you (\$50. in one case, & \$16.20
- or \$16.40 - in another) I took in hand; and
Mr. Ed. Jackson, who at present acts for his
brother (for F. J. is very low & failing) assured me
that he would attend to both on Monday. -

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You may therefore, when convenient,
send to me a receipt for \$66.20 (or 40)
on acct.; saying Rec^d. of Treas^r
of Amⁿ. A. S. Socy, Francis Jackson,

Surely you do "work hard";—
you may rightfully say that of yourself;
and we know it and appreciate it
and are grateful for it.

My own limited experience in the
use of newspapers, in preparing for a special
publication, leads me to put the Standard
far before the Liberator or Bugle in affording
the needful data for the topics, on which
I have consulted them; but I have learned
that I needed to search & consult them all,
and other papers too, so far as I could. —
I think it might be well for our Exec. Comtee.
to supply you regularly with the Sem-Weekly,
Tribune, or Even. Post, or other paper as you prefer.
What do you say to that? I think they w^d. do it,
so long as you undertake writing our Reports.

I am, Ever truly, Yours
Samuel May Jr.